

GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 177.

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, June 17, 1863.

I.. Before a General Court Martial, which convened at Columbus, Ohio, March 24, 1862, pursuant to Special Orders, No. 56, dated War Department, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, March 15, 1862, and of which Major SIDNEY COOLIDGE, 16th United States Infantry, is President, was arraigned and tried—

1st Lieutenant *Thomas B. Burrows*, 18th United States Infantry.

CHARGE I.—“ Disobedience of orders.”

*Specification 1st*—“ In this; that he, the said 1st Lieutenant *Thomas B. Burrows*, of the 18th Regiment of Infantry, being ordered, through a telegraphic despatch from Major Wm. A Stokes, of the 18th Regiment of Infantry, dated Pittsburg, 28th November, 1861, to close regimental recruiting station at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and to report by first train at Regimental Headquarters at Columbus, Ohio, did fail to comply with said order, thereby disobeying the lawful commands of his superior and commanding officer, the said Major William A. Stokes.”

*Specification 2d*—“ In this; that he, the said 1st Lieutenant *Thomas B. Burrows*, of the 18th Regiment of Infantry, being ordered, by a written communication from Major William A. Stokes, of the 18th Regiment of Infantry, dated Headquarters, 18th U. S. Infantry, Camp Thomas, December 6, 1861, to close regimental recruiting station in his charge at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and to report without delay at said camp with all books, papers, and documents connected with the regimental recruiting station while upon that duty, did fail to comply with said order, thereby disobeying the lawful commands of his superior and commanding officer, the said Major William A. Stokes.”

*Specification 3d*—“ In this; that he, the said 1st Lieutenant *Thomas B. Burrows*, of the 18th Regiment of Infantry, upon having his attention called to neglect of orders of November 28, 1861, and

of December 6, 1861, of Major William A. Stokes, of the 18th Regiment of Infantry, through Special Orders, No. 131, dated Headquarters, 18th U. S. Infantry, Camp Thomas, December 17, 1861, and being ordered to report without delay at Regimental Headquarters, did fail to comply with instructions of said order, thereby disobeying the lawful commands of his superior and commanding officer, Major William A. Stokes."

CHARGE II.—"Absence without leave."

*Specification*—"In this; that he, the said 1st Lieutenant *Thomas B. Burrows*, of the 18th Regiment of Infantry, being ordered to report immediately at Regimental Headquarters, by order of November 28, 1861, of Major William A. Stokes, of the 18th Regiment of Infantry, failed to report in accordance with said order, and has not reported at date of these charges, (January 24, 1862, thereby disobeying the lawful commands of his superior and commanding officer, the said Major William A. Stokes."

To which charges and specifications the accused, 1st Lieutenant *Thomas B. Burrows*, 18th U. S. Infantry, pleaded "Not Guilty."

#### FINDING.

The Court, having maturely considered the evidence adduced, finds the accused, 1st Lieutenant *Thomas B. Burrows*, 18th U. S. Infantry, as follows:

#### CHARGE I.

Of the 1st *Specification*, "Guilty."

Of the 2d *Specification*, "Guilty."

Of the 3d *Specification*, "Guilty."

Of the CHARGE, "Guilty."

#### CHARGE II.

Of the *Specification*, "Guilty."

Of the CHARGE, "Guilty."

#### SENTENCE.

And the Court does therefore sentence him, 1st Lieutenant *Thomas B. Burrows*, 18th U. S. Infantry, "*To be dismissed from the service.*"

II..The proceedings, findings, and sentence in this case, are approved, and 1st Lieutenant Thomas B. Burrows, 18th U. S. Infantry, ceases to be an officer in the service of the United States.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,  
*Assistant Adjutant General.*